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Chairman William Kennard and
Members of the Commission
Federal Communications Commission
1919 M Street, N.W.
Room 222
Washington, D.C. 20554

Dear Chairman Kennard and Members of the Commission:

This letter is intended as a follow-up to our comments dated May 28, 1999 on the NPRM (MM Docket No. 99-25) pertaining to creation of a Low Power Radio Service. We applaud the Commission and its staff for its diligent work and attention to the merits of this innovative new service.

As stated in our previous comments, we understand that pursuing this innovative radio service is new and in fact controversial ground for the Commission. Based on the NPRM, it is clear to us that the Commission is convinced that the public service and community-based merits of Low Power Radio significantly outweigh the arguments that existing commercial broadcasters have posed against it.

Our review of Low Power Radio has indicated that there is a legitimate and merited public demand at the community level for a medium that can service local interests in a manner that is not economically accessible for many local groups and businesses. It is apparent radio and other mediums are increasingly concentrated in fewer hands, with the subsequent effect that those of more limited financial means are constrained in communicating their public views and interests. We want to again congratulate the Commission for realizing that authorizing a Low Power Radio Service would be a major contribution to the public interest in areas that the Commission is authorized to protect: diversity of viewpoints, education, community service, and affordability.

Respectively Submitted,

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